(b) In order to boost the programme during the last year i.e. 1996-97, 25% of the total target was allocated to Melghat area.

(c) The toolkits at Block level are distributed by Block Level Officer and receipt for the same is taken from artisans and record maintained. State level officers visited the Melghat Area in July, 1996 to verify whether toolkits were actually handed over.

(d) State Government has informed that due care will be taken to assist poor tribal in Melghat area. 30% of toolkits allocated to district for the current year will be supplied only to poor tribals of the Melghat area.

Schemes by CAPART in Maharashtra

1650. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether CAPART has sanctioned any scheme in the Melghat area of Amravati District of Maharashtra where 4000 children have died due to malnutrition during the last three years;

(b) if so, what are their names and who are implementing these schemes; and

(c) if not, whether CAPART will take up this as priority area?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) to (c) CAPART provides financial assistance for implementation of rural development projects covering the programmes/ schemes of Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY), Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), Development of Women & Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA), Indira Awas Yojana (IAY), Million Wells Scheme (MWS), Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP), Central Rural Sanitation Programme (CRSP), Training of Panchayati Raj Functionaries (PR), Promotion of Voluntary Action in Rural Development (PC), Organisation of Beneficiaries (OB) and Advancement of Rural Technology Schemes (ARTS).

During the last three years, CAPART has sanctioned 9 rural development projects to voluntary organisations of Amravati District of Maharashtra. The sanctioned amount for these Projects is Rs. 16.90 lakhs. The details of the voluntary organisations assisted, the programmes/schemes under which the projects have been sanctioned and the amount sanctioned for each project are given in the statement. (*see* below)

Statement

Statement giving details of voluntary organisations of Amravati District of Maharashtra Assisted by CAPART during the last three years (1994-95 to 1996-97), the programmes/ schemes under which the projects sanctioned and the amount sanctioned for each project.

Sl No.	Particulars of the voluntary organisations assisted	Programme/ Scheme	Amount sanctioned (in Rs.)
1.	Shri Gurdeo Kushta Seva Mandir Amlla Vishweshwar	Central Rural Sanitation Programme	2,02,400.00
2.	Gramin Vikas Shikshan Sanshta Manjri Mahala	-do-	2,02,400.00

Sl No.	Particulars of the voluntary organisations assisted	Programme/ Scheme	Amount sanctioned (in Rs.)
3.	Apeksha Homeo Society, AT/PO Gurukunk Majari	-do-	4,14,000.00
4.	Gramin Vikas Bahuddeshiva Dridayuvak Shiksha, Prashant Nagar, Tg. Amravati	-do-	2,07,000.00
5.	Rural Evangelical Mission of India, AT/PO Daryapur, Banosa, Near Z.P. School.	-do-	2,40,350.00
6.	REMI Voluntary Organisations For Holistice Development	-do-	2,49,350.00
7.	Tirup Gram Vikash Sanstha	-do-	1,20,174.00
8.	Rural Evangelical Mission of India. AT/PO Daryapur, Banosa, Near Z.P. School.	Organisation of Beneficiaries	27,500.00
9.	Indrayani Yuvak Krida Shikshan Sanstha.	-do-	27,500.00
		Total	16,90,674.00

Development of Women and children in Melghat

1651. SHRI JAGIR SINGH DARD:
DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what work is being done for development of women and children in rural areas, in the Melghat area of Amravati District of Maharashtra where 4000 children have died due to malnutrition during the last three years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the benefits have not reached the homes of the poor tribals; and,

(c) what steps are being taken to boost up this programme?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI K. YERRANNAIDU): (a) The programme of Development of Women and Children in Rural Areas (DWCRA) is being implemented throughout the country, including in Amaravati District of Maharashtra. Under this programme 10—15 rural poor women form a groupwith the objective of taking up economic activities/income generating activities suited to their skill, aptitude and local conditions. The groups receive a revolving fund of Rs. 25,000 this sum being released by Centre and State in the ratio of 50:50. Block-wise information is not available. During the year 1996-97, 81 groups were formed in Amaravati District benefitting 889 women under this programme.

(b) As reported by the State Government, 343 tribal women have benefitted under this programme in Amaravati District as against a total coverage of 889 women.

(c) The amount of revolving fund has been increased from Rs. 15,000 to Rs. 25,000 with a view to enabling the group to take up viable economic activities/income generating activities.